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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED APRIL 21, 2006

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 21, 2006.

Claims 1-13 and 15-25 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, for continued prosecution Group II, Claims 10, 12, 13, 15-20 and 23-25, drawn to a composition comprising an epoxy resin and a polymercaptopolyamine of formula Ia or Ib.

Applicants elect diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A and diethylenetriamine as the reactants employed in the preparation of formula Ia and Ib and diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A as the epoxy resin.

Claims 10, 12, 13, 15-20 and 23-25 are readable on the selections above.

Applicants elect with traverse because simultaneous examination of the inventions does not impose an undue burden of examination on the Examiner.

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If the restriction requirement is made final, Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecution of non-elected inventions in one or more continuing applications.

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